



VDOE-Approved Curriculum List for Birth to Five Programs

Using comprehensive, effective curricula helps support learning and development in all early childhood programs and settings. As of July 1, 2021, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will conduct comprehensive, expert-led reviews for all eligible birth to five programs.

If your program's curriculum is not on the VDOE-approved list, review the [VDOE Overview of the Curriculum Process for Practice Year 2](#) for more information on how to request a curriculum review.

Programs that do not have a VDOE-approved curriculum in place have multiples options for accessing a high-quality birth to five curriculum:

- Option 1: **Seek approval** for a curriculum your program already has in place.
- Option 2: **Choose and use** one of the VDOE-approved curriculum options listed in the table below.
 - There are three free/low-cost approved options:
 - STREAMing3 available for Virginia ECE programs
 - Early Learning Matters available nationally to ECE programs, including programs in Virginia.
 - Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence available nationally to ECE programs, including programs in Virginia.

The table below details all approved early childhood curricula as of August 31, 2023. This list will be updated monthly.

Approved Curriculum	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*	Spanish Translation Available
Ascend Curriculum	✓	✓	✓		
Beyond Cribs and Rattles (BCR) Comprehensive Program, 2nd Edition (2019)	✓	✓			
Big Day for PreK (**retired)			✓		✓
Blueprint			✓		
Brain Based Learning by Blue Ribbon Results			✓		
Callahan Education		✓	✓		
Childtime Empowered Child			✓		
Connect4Learning			✓		
Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence			✓		
Creative Learning (TEE Spot)	✓	✓	✓		
Curiosity Corner, 2nd Edition			✓		
Early Learning Matters	✓	✓	✓		
Exceed Preschool Curriculum (4 year old)			✓		
Experience Early Learning/Mother Goose Time	✓	✓	✓		
Fairfax County Public Schools Pre-K Curriculum			✓		
Frog Street	✓	✓	✓		✓
Funnydaffer			✓		
FunShine Express	✓	✓	✓		✓
Get Set For School (Learning Without Tears)		✓	✓		
HighReach Learning	✓	✓	✓		

Approved Curriculum	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*	Spanish Translation Available
HighScope	✓	✓	✓		
InvestiGator Club	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kiddie Academy Life Essentials	✓	✓	✓		
KinderCare	✓	✓	✓		✓
LaPetite Academy Early Innovators			✓		
Learn As We Grow			✓		
Learn Every Day	✓	✓	✓		
Learn From the Start	✓	✓			
Learning Beyond Paper	✓	✓	✓		
Learning Experience Academic Program (L.E.A.P.)	✓	✓	✓		
Montessori Birth Through Five Curriculum: Virginia Montessori Association	✓	✓	✓		
Opening the World of Learning (OWL) (**retired)			✓		✓
PLAYWORKS	✓	✓	✓		
PreK On My Way			✓		✓
Primrose® Balanced Learning®	✓	✓	✓		
Seedlings	✓	✓	✓		
STREAMin3	✓	✓	✓		
The Creative Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Gee Whiz Curriculum for Family Child Care				✓	
Three Cheers for Pre-K			✓		✓
Tools of the Mind			✓		
Virginia Beach Pre-K Curriculum			✓		
World of Wonders			✓		✓

Pending Review	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*
Abeka	✓	✓	✓	
Beautiful Beginnings: A Developmental Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers	✓	✓		
Carol's Affordable Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	
Cuddlebugs Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	
Exceed Preschool Curriculum (3 year old)			✓	
Growing Up At Obici		✓	✓	
Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academies	✓	✓	✓	
Learning Box Preschool			✓	
Pathways Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	
Pocket of Preschool			✓	

Pending Review	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*
Robert E. Simon Jr. Children's Center, Inc.	✓	✓	✓	
STEM Preschool Learning		✓	✓	
WEE Learn Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	
Wonder of Learning (Goddard School)	✓	✓	✓	
World at Their Fingertips (Bright Horizons)	✓	✓	✓	

*Family Day Home curricula are developed specifically for Family Day Home settings. Family Day Home providers may choose and use any Infant, Toddler, Preschool, or Family Day Home curriculum.

**The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is extending a grace period to replace an already vetted, yet retired curriculum to impacted programs/school divisions through at least Fall 2025 (proposed date).

Important to note: Access to curriculum materials, resources and professional development is critical to effective curriculum implementation. Programs/divisions should consider whether they have the internal capacity to train and provide support in implementing a retired curriculum in their planning and decision-making process for investing in a new, VDOE approved curriculum choice.

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